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SUBJECT: B-52'S IN OKINAWA

REF: NAHA 564 (DTG 090408Z NOV 75); NAHA 566 (DTG 110830Z NOV 75)

SUMMARY: THE SECOND COMING TO OKINAWA OF B-52'S ON TYPHOON REFUGE
NOV 18 HAS SET OFF A POLITICAL FUSS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE EARLIER
VISIT TEN DAYS BEFORE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE VISIT OF 15 B-52'S AND SOME KC-135 TANKERS TO KADENA AIR
BASE ON TYPHOON REFUGE FROM GUAM NOV 18 FOLLOWS ON THE HEELS OF THEIR
NOV 8-10 VISIT HERE FOR THE SAME REASON. THE PRESS AND POLITICAL
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EXCITEMENT HERE IS ALSO THE SAME AS BEFORE, WITH THE GOVERNOR

AGAIN PROTESTING BY TELEGRAM TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE LOCAL PRESS ALLEGING VARIOUS SINISTER PURPOSES IN THE FLIGHT, THE POLITICAL PARTIES COMPLAINING ABOUT VIOLATION OF THE WISHES OF THE PREFECTURAL PEOPLE, AND LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS PLANNING DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS. THE EARLIER THEMES ARE ALL REPEATED WITH THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE THAT THIS QUICK SECOND ARRIVAL OF B-52'S MEANS THAT THE USAF IS MOVING TOWARD PERMANENT STATIONING OF THE PLANES HERE. THE KADENA MAYOR AND THE PRESS MAKE A SPECIAL POINT THAT THIS VISIT OCCURS SEVEN YEARS TO THE DAY AFTER THE CRASH AND EXPLOSION OF A B-52 ON THE KADENA RUNWAY. THE PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY HAD JUST UNANIMOUSLY PASSED RESOLUTION DENOUNCING THE EARLIER VISIT OF

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B-52'S AND ARE NOW DISCUSSING HOW TO REENFORCE THEIR PROTESTS.

2. COMMENT: THE B-52'S ARE AN ISSUE AROUND WHICH THE LEFT CAN RALLY AND FAN PUBLIC OPINION. IT IS ALSO NOW USEFUL TO THEM IN TAKING ATTENTION AWAY FROM A CORRUPTION SCANDAL WHICH HAS EMBARRASSED THE REFORMIST GOVT OF GOVERNOR YARA.

3. ALTHOUGH THE GOJ IS CLEARLY ON RECORD IN THE PRESS AS HAVING NO OBJECTION TO SUCH FLIGHTS FOR TYPHOON RELIEF, THE LEFTISTS HERE, AND PROBABLY IN THE DIET ALSO, WILL USE THE ISSUE FOR ALL IT IS WORTH.

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